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Hotaling, Rumplik receive Eagle honors

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Eagle Scout rank still holds prestige and takes hard work to attain.

Agawam Boy Scout Troop 82 members Paul Hotaling and Christopher Rumplik knew what it takes and saw their dedication come to fruition last Sunday afternoon at Robinson State Park.

Both new Eagle Scouts were responsible for beautification projects in town and Mayor Richard Cohen praised them for their projects.

"I am always very proud to take part in an Eagle Scout ceremony," said Cohen. "These are fine young men that have made a great contribution to our community."

Hotaling did his project at Robinson State Park. He led his scout troop in assembling picnic tables and installing a new information kiosk. The scouts installed 36 picnic benches throughout the park.

"They came to us partially assembled," said Hotaling. "We had to finish assembling them and then stain them."

Hotaling said the challenge in leading his scout

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Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

(l-r) Eagle Scout Christopher Rumplik, Scoutmaster Dave Robinson and Eagle Scout Paul Hotaling.

Agawam artist transforms lives and talents with her love of art

By Mike Lydick
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A new art exhibit this month at the Agawam Public Library marks the first showing of artwork by many students of an Agawam artist.

The students have studied with Alexandra Walters for various lengths of time – from as little as a few months to as long as six years. An opening reception was held on the evening of Sept. 3 for the public to meet Walters and her student artists.

"I'm very fortunate that these wonderful artists have allowed me to participate in their artistic growth," said Walters. "We share a common bond, a love of art and of learning. I'm always learning from them as much as they learn from me."

Always trying to offer her students as much of her experience as she can, Walters knew the library offered favorable exhibit space since she had participated in Friends of the Agawam Public Library art shows.

"It was time to offer my stu-

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Turley Publications photos by Mike Lydick

Ann Abbey discusses her drawings of a puffin to friends and East Longmeadow residents Denise and Walter Crawford during an opening reception for a new art exhibit this month at the Agawam Public Library. Abbey, an Agawam resident, is a student of Agawam artist Alexandra Walters. The exhibit features artwork by Walters's students.

Tanseys hopeful to re-open business after fire

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications
Correspondent

AGAWAM – It could be months before Partners Restaurant is back in business after a fire left massive smoke damage in the Springfield Street breakfast eatery last Friday night.

Partners co-owner Sue Tansey said Tuesday the state fire marshal is still investigating the fire, which started in the cellar of the restaurant and did massive damage to the interior of the restaurant.

"We are not even allowed inside the building until the state

Please see FIRE, page 6



Turley Publications photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

Partners Restaurant on Springfield Street is closed after a fire caused extensive damage to the restaurant. There is no timetable for re-opening until the state fire marshal has determined the cause of the blaze.

Planning board recommends zone change for tower

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Correspondent

AGAWAM – The Agawam Planning Board will recommend 491 Mill Street for a zone change that will include it in the Wireless Communications Overlay District.

Last Thursday night, a continued public hearing resumed and Verizon Wireless was able to make a full presentation to the Planning Board about why a wireless communication tower is needed in the rear of 491 Mill Street property.

Verizon Wireless Engineer Jay Latorre showed a map of the current coverage provided by five area cell towers. The maps showed a gap in quality cell coverage throughout the central part of town.

"The part of the map that shows a lack of quality coverage is the area that is not up to our standard of quality 4G LTE coverage," said Latorre. "If we are approved for this tower, we would be able to significantly fill that coverage gap."

Latorre said more towers are being installed in many areas to keep up with the increased demand of wireless communications use.

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Agawam Advertiser News Obituary Policy

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Exceptions will be made only when the family provides a death certificate and must be pre-paid.

Deadline for photo contest approaching

AGAWAM - There is still time to submit photos for the Agawam Dog Owners Group (ADOG) photo contest. The deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 17. Entries may be submitted in person that night at the Agawam Public Library from 6-8 p.m. or online electronically at www.AgawamDogPark.com.

The photos will be judged with the winners being showcased on the 2015 ADOG calendar. Entry forms may be picked up at the library, Agawam Town Hall, or downloaded from the website.

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'MERMAID OF THE LAKE'



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Ally Jabry, of Agawam, could easily be mistaken for a mermaid in this photo taken recently at Congamond Lakes in Southwick.

On the shelf at the Agawam Public Library...

The Agawam Public Library will host "AuthorTalk" with John Sheirer, Monday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. Sheirer will talk about his newest book, "Libby Speaks: The Wit and Wisdom of the World's Wisest Dog."

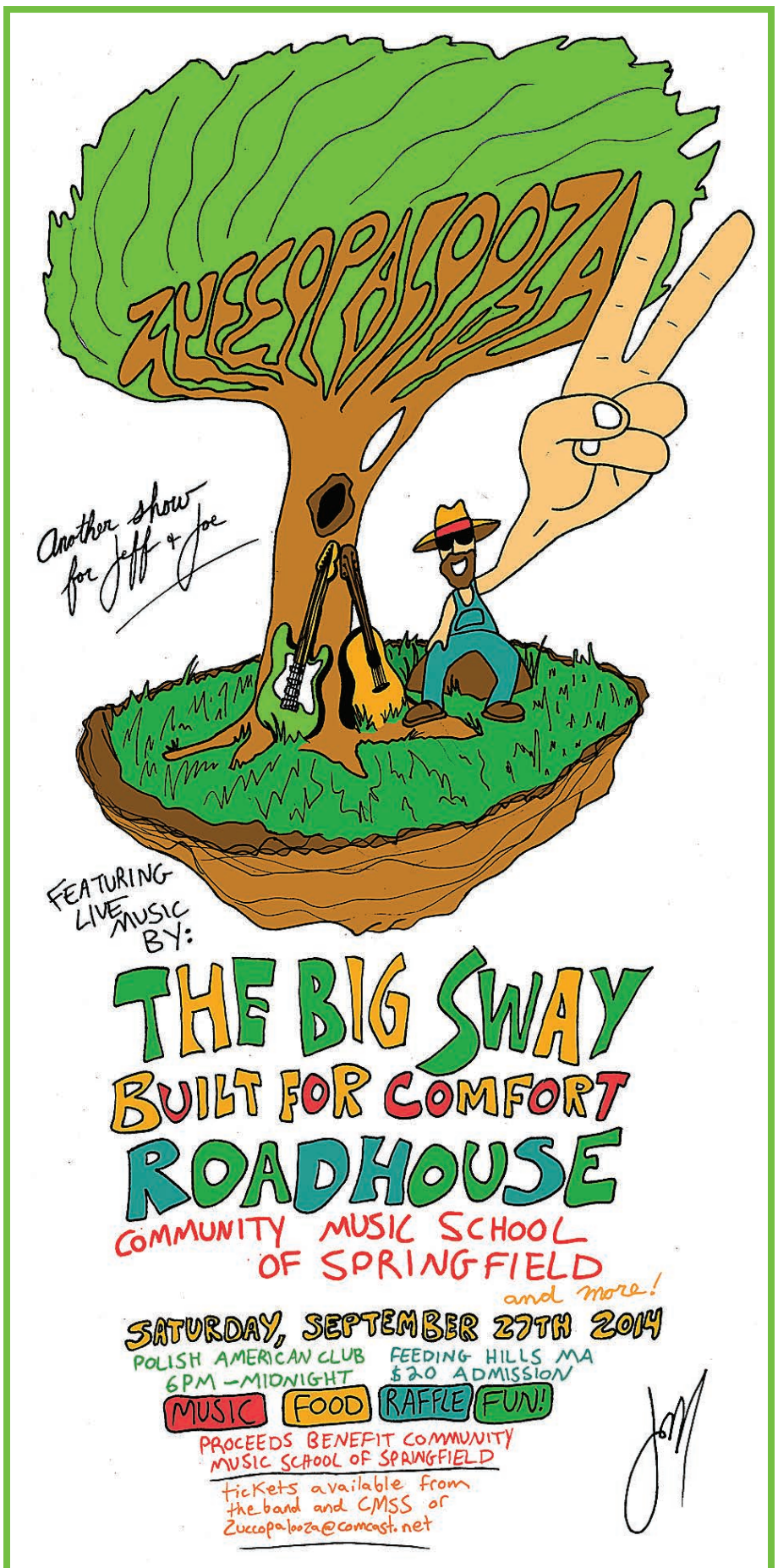
A little Border Terrier with a large presence, soulful eyes, haystack fur and crooked tail, Libby provides both the photographic and philosophical focal point of the book as she guides the young and old alike to make the most of what life has to offer.

For more information, visit Libby's Facebook page.

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For the first time in over 25 years, the library has increased the prices of the ongoing book sale items. Paperbacks and magazines are now .25 each and CDs, DVDs and hardcover books are .50 each.

For a guideline of what the library accepts for donations, stop in at the library or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. Donations are accepted at the Circulation Desk or Children's Department during regular library hours.



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Last week's photo: Correctly identifying Gina Letellier in last week's paper were Donna Safford Fleury, Lou Scherpa and Marlayna Chriscola.



The Argiro Quintet returns for ACC Applause Series

AGAWAM - The Agawam Cultural Council's (ACC) popular Applause Series continues Friday, Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. when The Argiro Quintet returns to the Agawam Senior Center with its program of music in the style of legendary jazz pianist George Shearing.

Noted pianist/composer James Argiro will lead his quintet through an evening of jazz, including Shearing's classic "September in the Rain" and signature anthem "Lullaby of Birdland," along with other jazz pieces and original compositions.

Argiro received his training at The Hartford Conservatory of Music and the University of California at Los Angeles. His musical career began while in his teens, leading a band that provided backup to some of the top groups of the late 1950s, including The Moonglows, The Drifters, and others. He has worked with jazz great Cat Anderson, played with the Harry James big band, and served as music director for such stars as Bernadette Peters, Joan Rivers and Carol Channing.

Argiro's collaborators include accomplished musicians Mario DeCiutiis on vibraphone, Rich Goldstein on guitar, Jason Schwartz on bass, and Ben Bilello on drums.

This is the second time that Argiro has been invited to perform as part of the Agawam Cultural Council's Applause Series.

The Agawam Senior Center is located at 954 Main St. and can be reached by phone at 413-821-0604. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

More information on each of the Applause Series events is available at www.agawamcc.org.

The Agawam Cultural Council is an all-volunteer local partner of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency, and is funded, in part, by the MCC. The ACC is charged with bringing engaging, entertaining, and educational events and opportunities in the arts, humanities, and sciences, to children and adults from Agawam and the surrounding communities.



The Agawam Cultural Council's popular Applause Series continues its 11th season Oct. 10 at the Agawam Senior Center with a performance by The Argiro Quintet. From left - Mario DeCiutiis, vibraphone; Rich Goldstein, guitar; Jason Schwartz, bass; Ben Bilello, drums; James Argiro, piano, (front center)

Springfield Turnverein news, upcoming events

The Springfield Turnverein, located at 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will hold a "Sock Hop" Saturday, Sept. 13 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Music will be provided by Knightwatch and will feature the best of the '50s and '60s. There will be a '50's themed menu to choose from as well as a Hula Hoop contest, The Twist contest and Best of the '50s and '60s Costume contest. Tickets, which are $4 for members and $6 for non-members, are available at the bar.

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The Turnverein offers pitch Tuesdays, Sept. 16 and 23; singers Wednesday, Sept. 17 and 24; and cards and line dancing Thursday, Sept. 11, 18 and 25.

Friday entertainment begins at 8 p.m. and will feature "Just Phil" Sept. 12; "American Standard Band, Sept. 19; and "Set Em Up Joe" Sept. 26.

Karaoke with Kris is offered Saturday, Sept. 20 and 27.

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The Ladies Glee Club and Men's Choir are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

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Winzerfest, sponsored by the Men's and Ladies Singing Sections, is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 15. The night's events will include German band for dancing, listening and singing, a German Rouladen dinner and Winzerfest theme hall decorations.

Free document shredding offered to residents

AGAWAM - The town of Agawam will host a free document-shredding event for residents Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Department of Public Work Annex, 1000 Suffield St.

Documents such as old bank statements, legal documents, medical records, tax records, receipts, invoices, utility bills, canceled checks and statements containing credit card numbers, birth dates, signatures, passwords and pin numbers are all items that should be shredded to avoid identity theft. For more information on how to protect your identity, visit www.consumer.ftc.gov.

Valley Green Shredding will provide an on-site mobile shred unit to securely and confidentially shred residential documents for free.

Residents are asked to limit their confidential documents to five standard size boxes. All three-ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable.

For more information, contact the DPW at 821-0624.

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue's relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Opinion

Town makes investment in recreation

There are a lot of exciting recreational opportunities happening right now in Agawam.

It's refreshing to see the town put a great investment in positive programs for children and adults throughout the community.

The next phase of the School Street Park is underway. Already, that facility has installed a beautiful playground, soccer fields, and baseball and softball fields. Even without the second phase of the park happening, it has greatly enhanced the east end of town and has given the town the opportunity to expand participation in programs.

Last Saturday, the Agawam Dog Owners Group held its second-annual Field Day at Shea Park.

In about a month, that location will break ground and clear land for a dog park. This is a great way for adults and children alike to have a fun place to bring their animals to play and have fun and interact. Dog owners can meet other dog owners.

Finally, this Monday, the city council will be asked to pass a borrowing authorization to fund the upgrades to the current high school sports facilities. Given that they have already supported Mayor Richard Cohen pursuing the design, it is an indication they may pass the actual borrowing at the meeting.

The sports facility project will benefit all of the sports teams currently participating at Agawam High, including giving the football, soccer, field hockey, track, and lacrosse programs a much-needed boost in facilities. The new track will also benefit all residents as it will be accessible to the public during non-game times.

According to Agawam's website, "Agawam is a beautiful community with a rural atmosphere and blends suburban living with affordable homes, a low tax rate, highly respected schools and safe community neighborhoods. Agawam is a wonderful place to live, work and an alluring place to visit."

With these recent projects, Agawam is also showing they can be known as a very recreational community, much like other surrounding towns like Southwick is known for.

Agawam, which is a much larger community, is also showing through these three recent projects, that they support many segments of their population from young children to students, to families, to dog owners. The town is well on its way to having "something for everyone."



Donors encouraged to give during National Preparedness Month

SPRINGFIELD - Disasters can strike at any time, and the American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to help their communities prepare for emergencies by giving blood during National Preparedness Month.

The mission of the Red Cross is to help the public prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. During National Preparedness Month, the Red Cross reminds Americans to take simple steps to get ready for emergencies in their homes, workplaces and communities. One way to support this mission is to become a regular blood donor.

A stable blood supply is central to ensuring patient needs are met in emergencies. Blood can take up to three days to be tested, processed and made available for patients. It's the blood already on the shelves that can help save lives when disaster strikes.

Blood drives will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Six Flags New England - Human Resources, 1756 Main St., Agawam and Friday, Sept. 26 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Agawam Fire Department located at 800 Main St.

Appointments to donate and help the Red Cross prepare for patient needs across the country may be made at redcrossblood.org. Information about other ways to help prepare for emergencies is available at redcross.org.

Letters to the Editor

AAN coverage contributes to event's success

To the editor:

Many thanks to the Agawam Advertiser News for your efforts promoting our Backpack Giveaway last Saturday. You helped make it a great success. Of the people I polled asking how they heard of the event, about half said they'd read it in the Agawam Advertiser.

Over 60 packs were distributed, along with twice as many hamburgers and hotdogs. We've contacted the public schools, who are going to assist us in distributing the balance to their neediest families. You've helped impact our community, and we appreciate your contribution. Blessings.

Bob and Barb Olmstead
and the Lighthouse Christian
Center family

Junior Women appreciate support

To the editor:

Recently, The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club held our 41st Annual First Time Bus Riders Program. We would like to express our gratitude to the Agawam Advertiser News for their continued support and publicity. Having the AAN help us get the word out about our events makes such a difference in the attendance and allows us to do more good.

A very warm thank you to Mike Lydick. When Mike covers and writes about our events, he always captures the spirit of what we are trying to accomplish and he understands the sense of community that we trying to create. We always appreciate the positive exposure and get excited when we know Mike is going to visit us. His article about our Bus Riders Program was wonderful.

We also wish to thank the Agawam Public Library for their continued support, Pioneer Valley AAA who assisted with handouts for parents, D.A.R.E. Officer Fields, and Michelle Connery, outreach coordinator from the Agawam Family and Community Program, who gave information to parents and passed out free children's books to all in attendance.

A huge thank you to the bus company, Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative, who graciously donated their bus and Jimmy, the driver. Thank you.

Christina Beauchemin
Membership Chair
GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club

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Letters to the editor of no more than 250 words from supporters endorsing specific candidates or discussing campaign issues are limited to three total per author during the election season. No election letters will appear in the final edition before the election. We reserve the right to edit all statements of candidacy and letters to the editor to meet our guidelines.

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Public Safety

Fire Log

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 71 EMS calls and the following emergency response calls for the week from Sept. 2 to Sept. 8.

On Sept. 2 at 2:17 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On Sept. 3 at 10:42 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional.

On Sept. 4 at 10:37 a.m., the department responded to Plantation Drive, was dispatched and cancelled en route.

On Sept. 4 at 2:06 p.m., the department responded to Mansion Woods Drive for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 4 at 6:50 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for smoke or odor removal.

On Sept. 4 at 10:04 p.m., the department responded to Van Deene Ave., West Springfield to cover assignment, standby, moveup.

On Sept. 5 at 8:21 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for smoke detector activation, no fire - unintentional.

On Sept. 5 at 8:46 a.m., the department responded to Begley Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 5 at 3:28 p.m., the department responded to the Route 57 rotary for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 5 at 3:42 p.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for lockout.

On Sept. 5 at 10:44 p.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for building fire.

On Sept. 6 at 8:56 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street to cover assignment, standby, moveup.

On Sept. 6 at 11:11 a.m., the department responded to Rhodes Avenue for lockout.

On Sept. 6 at 2:25 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Sept. 6 at 8:24 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for lockout.

On Sept. 7 at 2:02 a.m., the department responded to Princeton Avenue for CO detector activation due to malfunction.

On Sept. 7 at 5:21 a.m., the department responded to Cynthia Place for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Sept. 7 at 12:26 p.m., the department responded to Pheasant Hill Drive for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 7 at 7:42 p.m., the department responded to Norman Terrace for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 8 at 1:09 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 8 at 9:07 p.m., the department responded to Route 57 West for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Police Log

The Agawam Police Department responded to 326 calls for service from Sept. 2 to Sept. 8. The department made 6 arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Scott A. Rider, 38, of 16 Witheridge St., Feeding Hills, was arrested on charges of violation of an abuse protection order, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

Gail June Badillo, 50, of 5 Miller St., Apt. 1, Westfield, was arrested on a court warrant for being a fugitive from justice.

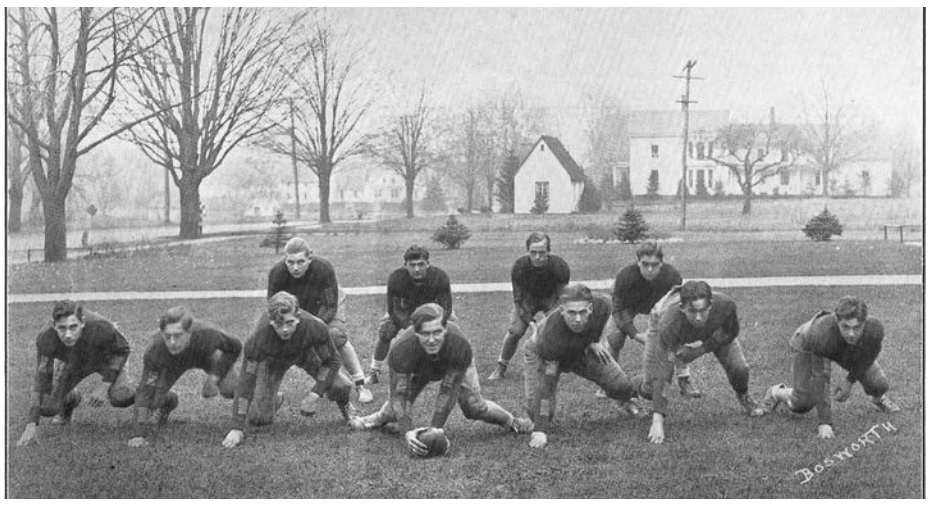
Saturday, Sept. 6

David A. Stoddard, 44, of 104 Moore St., Agawam, was arrested on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Nicole Rodriguez, 31, of 104 Moore St., Agawam, was arrested on a charge of domestic assault and battery and on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Amy Beth Beltrandi, 37, of 31 North Alhambra Circle, Agawam, was arrested on charges of breaking and entering a building in the daytime for felony, larceny over $250, possession of a Class A drug, possession of a Class E drug, and on a default warrant for failure to appear.

Maura Shay, 41, of 122 Hafey St., Chicopee, was arrested on charges of breaking and entering a building in the daytime for felony, larceny over $250, and possession of a Class B drug.



Agawam's 1931 undefeated, untied and un-scored upon football team - back row (from left), Charlie Benoit, Sam Provo, Clark "Cracker" Jones, and Merrill Tisdel. Front row (from left), Walter "Seth" Mosely, Ed Pond, Norm Roberts, Creighton Abrams, Ed Parent, Bob Raymond and Primo Mutti.

Agawam Mirror memories

YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS
WALT WILLARD
ADVERTISER NEWS COLUMNIST

A couple of months ago, Dick Benoit, the gentle giant of the class of '63, All Western Mass. in football, let me borrow his dad's high school yearbooks and Agawam Mirrors. A good-sized manila envelope sat on a bench in our dining room until the other day when Sam Provo '66 stopped by to look at this special AHS history.

If the Hall of Fame Committee does its homework, it should read Dick's November 1931 Agawam Mirror. Walter Moseley '32 who lived at 855 Main St., wrote about the 1931 football team. Although the team "was a week late in becoming organized through the delayed opening of school," the squad played six games and was undefeated, untied and un-scored upon. In the six games, coach Harm Smith's boys defeated Northampton, Enfield, Palmer, Ware, West Springfield and Middletown by a combined score of 157-0. Six games; six shutouts.

Dick Benoit's dad Charlie was a three-sport star of the '32s and was one of the top scorers in the Brownie backfield. Sam Provo '34, Merrill Tisdel '35 and Clark "Cracker" Jones '33 were the other backs. In the Enfield game, Charlie Benoit scored 12 of the team's 13 points, one on a 30-yard pass interception. Cracker scored 30 points in the West Side game and 21 more against Middletown.

The June 1932 Agawam Mirror had a pleasant surprise for me. It was a story written by Shirley Hawkes '34. She described the ripples and the bright and shiny pebbles of her favorite brook. "When the sultry summer heat overtakes me, I may sit on the bank dabbling my feet in the brook's cool waters and look at the view on a nearby hillside." As I read the story, I realized that Shirley's favorite brook was probably the same one I used to play in as a child. It was right down behind the Hawkes' home on School Street.

The ads in the June '32 Mirror had another surprise. It was an ad for Ricci's Shoe Shop at the corner of Main and School streets. The shop must have been next to Tisdel's Barber Shop where you could get bobbing, massaging and shampooing according to their Mirror ad.

Other Mirror ads brought back some memories. Cavicchi's Ice Cream Parlor, Agawam Potato Chips offered by the H. Porter Co., or flowers from James Morrison at 921 River Road, H.B. Craig at 940 Main St. or from Keefe the Florist on Walnut Street.

A page about alumni was quite interesting and showed that some of the first Brownies were attending our country's best colleges and universities. Frank Consolati '28 was a senior at Notre Dame and Paul Carroll '25 was ready to graduate cum laude from Fordham Law School. Alfred Gelsthorp '24 graduated from Amherst and Bion Wheeler was attending Dartmouth.

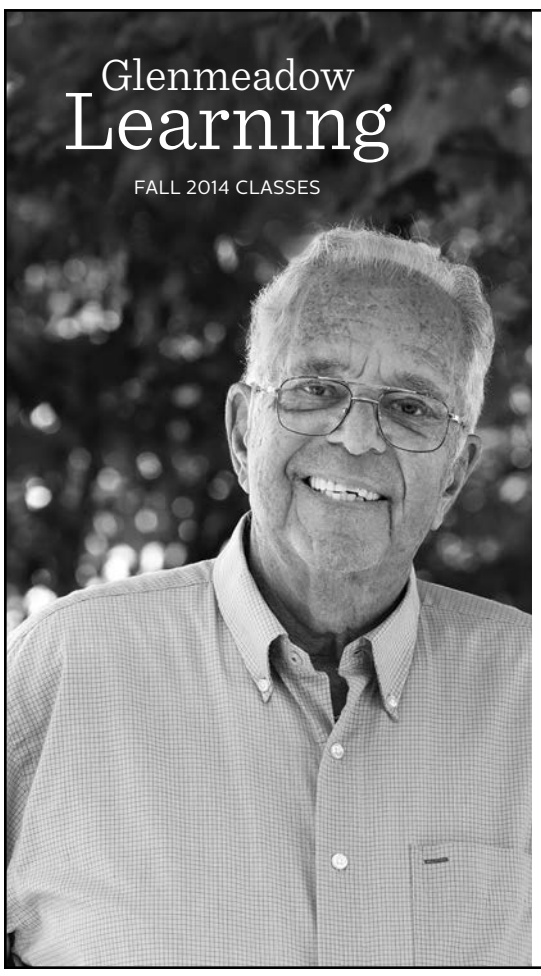
The best alumni note was about Richard Wilson '31. He was "striving hard to become a veterinarian" under the guidance of Dr. E.M. Dowling. Dr. Dowling's home is still on School Street on the corner of Alice Lane. How many thousand times have I driven past that home? How many times did I ride my bike past to my friend Elliott's? I still ride a bike past Dr. Dowling's but Elliott is now in Tennessee.

Note: Paul Halbach '63 is the son of Shirley Hawkes. Our town library has a good collection of Agawam Mirrors and the sign Dr. Dowling had on his barn will be on display there in May of 2015.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.

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Hotaling, Rumplik receive Eagle honors

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crew was keeping everyone on task. "We worked for two days on the picnic tables," said Hotaling. "It was a tough project and it was really hot out."

The work on the picnic tables was completed in June 2013. The kiosk was done a few months later. Hotaling designed the kiosk now seen at the North entrance to the park, including full blueprints.

Rumplik completed his Eagle project in May. He led the scouts in building three new gardens in front of Granger Elementary School. Rumplik paid for all of the supplies needed for the project. He said a previous project inspired him to do the gardens. "About 10 years ago, the scouts installed three gardens behind the Granger School," said Rumplik. "Those gardens were mostly for the students who go to the school to enjoy. There were some dead bushes in front of the school, and I proposed removing them and installing three new gardens."

Rumplik and his scout troop spent a few days landscaping the front of the school, removing the dead bushes and laying down landscaping fabric. They planted 21 bushes and more than 150 flowers. While doing the project, Rumplik repaired a wood retaining wall that was part of one of the old gardens.

To beautify the area further, the scouts installed a bird bath, bird feeder and a bird house.

"The bird house could allow for the younger students to view wildlife," said Rumplik.

He said the hard work on the gardens was made easier because of the effort of his fellow scouts.

"I was blessed with a great crew," said Rumplik. "They worked really hard for me and they did a great job."

Both Eagles were honored with a ceremony and reception. They received citations from local and state officials, and were given their Eagle Scout pins.

Hotaling said he was happy to be among "the elite."

"Only three percent of scouts make it to Eagle," said Hotaling. "I think making Eagle sets you apart from everyone else. People, including your fellow scouts, look up to you."

Hotaling is a senior at Agawam High School, is in the Robotics Club and is a swimmer. He plays the saxophone and is a member of the National Honor Society. He earned 23 merit badges.

Rumplik graduated from Agawam High School in June and was accepted into the Springfield College Physician Assistant program this fall. He earned 25 merit badges. At Agawam High, he was a member of the Math Team, As Schools Match Wits and Key Club. He swam and ran track. He also played the trumpet for the band.

Troop 82 Scoutmaster Dave Robinson said both scouts were excellent to work with.

"They are fine representatives of what the boys scouts are about," said Robinson. "They have both worked very hard and deserve this."

Robinson said more Eagle Scout recognitions from Troop 82 are coming this fall.



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Tammy Rumplik pins her son, Christopher's, Eagle Scout pin on him.



Karen Hotaling gives her son, Paul, his Eagle Scout pin. At right, Scott Hotaling watches his son get pinned.

Tanseys hopeful to re-open business after fire

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fire marshal has investigated it and determined the cause," said Tansey. "Our adjuster is telling us it will be 'months.' I am not honestly sure how long, though."

Tansey said the top priority for the business is the dedicated employees that work the breakfast and lunch shifts there.

"For many of our employees, this is their job and their livelihood," said Tansey. "We are doing our best to do something with them during this time."

Thankfully, Partners also has a successful catering division and thanks to a good deal from Six Flags New England, the catering business is fully operational.

"We are accessing one of their kitchens used to do catering for big events at the park," said Tansey. "We have full access in their kitchen and have already catered two events since the fire happened. We are using our employees in that business as well."

Tansey said catering becomes very busy in the fall due to the Big E. Partners caters several events within the 17-day fair and that will not stop.

"We want people to know that we are fully operational and are accepting catering requests," said Tansey.

Tansey, and her husband Mike, are overwhelmed at the outpour of support from the entire community. Following the fire, the Tanseys have heard from numerous people throughout Agawam, both known and unknown.

"We obviously have heard from many of our regular customers," said Tansey. "Whether it is offering to help us clean up or just offering support. We have also had people we don't know lending us support. So many great people have come out of the woodwork and we really appreciate it. That is what has brought us to tears."

The Tanseys are dedicated to repairing and rebuilding their business as soon as they are allowed back inside the building.

According to Agawam Fire Chief Alan Sirois, the fire was reported just before 11 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 5. The Agawam Police Department reported seeing smoke coming from the building.

Firefighters were aggressive in battling the blaze due to the fact the restaurant is attached a strip mall and the department wanted to prevent damage to neighboring businesses.

It took 30 minutes to extinguish the fire. Adding to the complications was heavy electrical arcing that caused a nearby pole to catch fire. It took crews from Western Massachusetts Electric Company approximately 15 minutes to control the issue. WMECO crews were out as of Monday repairing the damage to the pole.

The fire department was aided by West Springfield, Westfield and Longmeadow.

"I would like to thank the firefighters of West Springfield, Westfield and Longmeadow who came to the aid of our community," said Sirois. "I would also like to thank my own personnel who responded professionally and aggressively, without hesitation, to a very challenging and hazardous fire. I can't be prouder of the job they did. There is no doubt in my mind that their actions in stopping the fire quickly prevented millions of dollars in damage from occurring throughout the building."

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Summit View to host benefit in honor of Joe Kareta

WESTFIELD - The Kareta family of Westfield will hold a Memorial Scholarship Benefit to honor the memory of Joe Kareta Sunday, Sept. 14 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Summit View in Holyoke.

Kareta earned his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Westfield State in 2010 and passed the State Police Exam shortly after graduation. Just three months later, he was struck by a drunk driver while walking to the mailbox at his aunt's house in South Hadley, and died from his injuries.

To honor Joe, parents Fred and Kathy Kareta, sister Kerry Kareta and aunt Marilyn Sicotte established the Joe Kareta Scholarship. Two separate scholarships are awarded by the Citizen's Scholarship Fund and the Westfield State University Foundation. The scholarship is awarded annually to multiple recipients. Any high school senior or present Westfield State student from Hampden or Hampshire County who is studying criminal justice or a related field and demonstrates a financial need, a track record of volunteerism in their community, and has a grade point average of 3.0 or higher, is eligible to apply for the funds.

"We wanted to create something positive out of something so horrific," Sicotte said.

The proceeds from the fundraiser will benefit the Joe Kareta Scholarship. Kathy Kareta said they modeled the criteria for the scholarship after Joe, particularly the community service aspect.

"Joe was always volunteering for stuff," Kathy said. "He fixed a fence at a church that he didn't even go to. Even the day he died, he did five good deeds."

Fundraising began in 2010 shortly after Joe's death. Sicotte jokily suggested they raise $100,000 for the scholarship, and little did she know their goal would be met in less than four years.

"It's amazing," Sicotte said. "I'm very proud of the people who have consistently helped us raise this money. Nothing of this magnitude could come from one person."

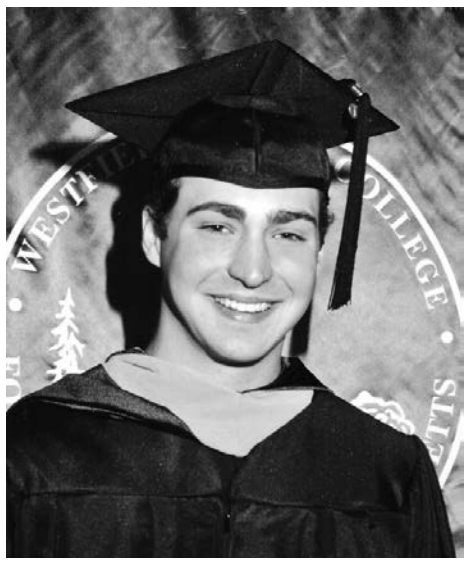
"It's all thanks to the people of the community," Fred said.

"Nothing will ever replace him, but every time we hold a fundraiser or give out a scholarship, someone hears Joe's story," Sicotte said. "It keeps Joe's memory alive."

Fred and Kathy Kareta said they will continue fundraising efforts and hope to increase the value of the scholarship and the number of scholarships awarded over time.

Tickets are $20. There will be a buffet dinner, cash bar and live music by Dan O'Sullivan and the Bad Habit Band. All those purchasing tickets will automatically be entered into a raffle for 300 lottery tickets. Additional raffle tickets are available for purchase with prizes including a lobster cruise down Cape Cod, Patriots and Red Sox game tickets, sports memorabilia, a designer purse and more.

Tickets may be purchased from Barry and Janet Stowe, 413-642-3930; the Kareta family, 413-533-9725; Marilyn Sicotte, 508-867-6875; and Pat Paul, 413-427-3006.



Joe Kareta is pictured in 2010 at his commencement ceremony at Westfield State.

Planning board recommends zone change

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"People are using their cell phones, they are using wireless tablets that have data connections, and they are getting rid of their landlines," said Latorre. "We have more towers to keep up with that kind of usage."

The applicants were asked if there was a section of the tower that could be utilized by public safety officials if they are experiencing gaps in coverage.

"We would work with any public safety official to put up antennas that would help with coverage gaps in town," said Verizon Wireless' Attorney Ellen Fryman. "They would be able to use our towers rent-free."

There were also be sections of the proposed tower that other communications companies can rent and co-locate their antennas.

Architect Doug Roberts told the Planning Board the tower will be 105 feet high, at least 20 to 30 feet shorter than other towers in town. They presented photographs of what the tower would look like from the road. The tower will be several hundred feet from the road. It will be accessed through a private gravel way off Mill Street.

"We would not be accessing the tower often after the construction," said Fryman. "It will take about 10 to 12 weeks to construct and then a technician will do maintenance about once a month."

Latorre said the access road would likely be gated and locked to prevent trespassers. He said the Planning Board could further explore that idea during the site plan review and special permit process.

"It's good we are talking about these issues right now during the zone change hearing because we will have this feedback to use before the next public hearing," said Latorre.

The public hearing was attended by nearly 20 members of the public, but no one raised any concerns about the tower. Planning board members then voted 4-0 to recommend the city council approve the zone change.

The city council will now have a public hearing for the zone change Monday, Sept. 15. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and eight votes are necessary to pass the zone change.

There are currently wireless towers serving Agawam residents near Six Flags, the South End Bridge, Oak Ridge Golf Course and Provin Mountain. A tower in West Springfield also provides some coverage for Agawam.

Seniors

Agawam Senior Center

Weekly calendar of events

Monday, Sept. 15: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., Line Dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., Bingo; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Sept. 16: 9 a.m., Exercise Class, Sewing Class, Knitting Class; 10 a.m., PACE, Coffee Hour with State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga; 12:30 p.m., Ladies Billiards, Mah Jongg, Movie ("In the Good Ole' Summertime"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., Chorus; 4:30 p.m., Yoga; 6 p.m., Beginner Line Dance.

Wednesday, Sept. 17: 8 a.m., Weight Training; 8:15 a.m., Yoga; 8:30 a.m., Meet the Mayor (coffee shop); 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, Ballroom Lessons; 1:30 p.m., Golden Age Chapter 2 Meeting; 5 p.m., Zumba Gold; Tobacco Valley Artists Meet.

Thursday, Sept. 18: Foot Care Nurses Available (by appt.); 9 a.m., Exercise; 9:30 a.m., No Quilting; 10 a.m., Line Dancing; 12:30 p.m., Bridge; 1 p.m., Pitch, Open Art; 2 p.m., Melody Band Practice; 6:30 p.m., Pitch.

Friday, Sept. 19: 8 a.m., Yoga; 9:15 a.m., All Media Art; 10 a.m., Tai Chi; Noon, Canasta; 1 p.m., Pitch, Cribbage, Last Ice Cream Social of the Summer ($1); 5 p.m., Zumba Gold

Lunch menu

Monday, Sept. 15: Ham and cheddar quiche, Tater Tots, apples.

Tuesday, Sept. 16: Chicken stir-fry, stir-fry vegetables, brown rice, pineapple.

Wednesday, Sept. 17: Roast turkey tetrazzini over egg noodles, broccoli, baked good.

Thursday, Sept. 18: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, Jell-O.

Friday, Sept. 19: Sweet potato-crusted cod, Mediterranean sauce, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, peaches.



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State Sen. Donald Humason (left) and state Rep. Nicholas Boldyga (right) recently presented Angelica and Carlos Silva, owners of American Classics Restaurant in Feeding Hills, with official citations congratulating them on their 10-year anniversary.

DePalma receives Life Membership Award

Ayre Real Estate, Co., Inc. has announced that one of its agents, Anne DePalma, was awarded the Life Membership Award from the Realtor Association of Pioneer Valley (RAPV) at a realtor association dinner held recently at Storrowton Carriage House.

DePalma has worked for Ayre Real Estate for almost 20 years. She has held a Massachusetts Real Estate Broker's license since 1970 and specializes in residential real estate in the Greater Springfield area. She holds the prestigious CRS designation and continues to pursue educational opportunities. DePalma is a member of the National Association of Realtors, the Massachusetts Association of Realtors, the Pioneer Valley Association of Realtors and the RS Council.

She has also served on the RAPV, the former Greater Springfield Association of Realtors, the Realtors Political Action Committee and the Massachusetts Association of Realtors. DePalma is a member of Zonta, an international women's service organization and was a trustee for the former Northampton State Hospital.



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Anne DePalma

ICNE accepts 'Ice Bucket Challenge'

When an employee challenged her company to take part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, Laurie Brunton knew she could count on them to rise to the occasion. Insurance Center of New England, Inc. (ICNE), one of the largest locally-owned, independent insurance agencies in New England, cheerfully accepted, and 17 employees dumped icy-cold water on their heads to raise awareness for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Brunton, personal lines risk manager at ICNE, brought the challenge to her workplace, where it was accepted with enthusiasm. In addition to completing the ice bucket challenge, ICNE made a generous donation on behalf of the employees. Employees who participated included everyone from junior staffers to the president and chief executive officer, William Trudeau, CPCU.

ICNE, and Trudeau in particular, have now called out Springfield-based Hampden Bank and Agawam-based Specialty Bolt & Screw to complete the challenge. Hampden Bank has already risen to the occasion.

"We hope that our contribution brings us one step closer to easing the suffering of those living with ALS and their families," Trudeau said.

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The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 6:45 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of DCJ Realty, LLC for a zone change request on South West Street from Agriculture and Residence A2 to all Business A. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

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Agawam artist transforms lives and talents with her love of art

ARTIST, from page 1

dents an opportunity to have a formal show," she said. "I've been an Agawam resident for almost 27 years. This is my home, so it felt like the right place at the right time to do this."

A diverse collection of art

Walters said she wanted to have the exhibit to honor her students for their efforts and to share their diverse collection of artwork – which includes paintings as well as drawings in different mediums.

"It's a celebration of what art can do to enrich and transform our lives," she said.

She added that the exhibit also is important not only so her students can share their work with the public, but also to give them the opportunity to meet each other.

"I wanted them to experience the joy of being a member of an art community," she said. "In classes and private lessons, my students only see one piece completed at a time; here they have the chance to see their whole body of work exhibited together."

A graduate of Westfield State University, Walters has a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a concentration in fine arts. She knew as early as age 4 that she was an artist. When she opened her Serendipity Art Studio in the Indian Orchard Mills in Springfield nine years ago, it was a way for her to begin helping others find their own direction by learning to create artwork.

At the time she opened her studio, Walters was also a full-time substitute teacher in Agawam.

"That's how I paid my rent in the first year or so," she said. "Then I began to take on private students and group classes."

Serendipity meets art

She named her studio "Serendipity" because "it just seemed all along that my beginnings there were loaded with serendipitous happenings." Walters said she also likes to allow for the role of serendipity in art-making - being open to discovery, not just focused on narrow approaches.

"The role that serendipity plays in my teaching would be, that not only do I teach every individual differently, but I hope to help open their eyes to the excitement of learning, and of openness in our artistic endeavors," she added.

Most of her students find her by word of mouth or during the annual "open studios" event when visitors can meet with the individual artists at the mill.

"I don't advertise, because it's more important to me that the student and I have a good fit," she said. "Different people are drawn to different approaches to art."

She said her approach is very personal.

"My students decide what direction they want to take, and I help them learn and improve," she said. "It should always be about them, not what I like or would do."

Rejuvenating an artist's creativity

One of Walters's newest students is Agawam resident Ann Abbey. A student for two years, Abbey is not new to the field of art. She went to college to become an artist and then had a career as a graphic artist before switching to a business career in the power industry.

But Abbey missed art and was looking to take painting or drawing classes. She decided to take classes with Walters after meeting her during an open studios event.

The medium that Walters is teaching Abbey – color pencil drawing – is Walters's specialty.

"I'm self-taught in the medium," she said. "When I was beginning to use colored pencil, there were no classes being taught locally, so I picked up books and learned as I created."

Abbey said drawing is what she does to relax from my business work.

"It feeds my creative side," said Abbey, whose colored pencil drawings of a puffin are part of the library exhibit. "It's also very relaxing and very creative to be around other artists at the studio."

A native of Feeding Hills, Abbey said it was "pretty exciting" to have her finished artwork framed and hung on the walls of her hometown library.

"My friends and a lot of my co-workers are coming to see my drawings," she said. "I'm proud to now call myself one of Alexandra's artists."

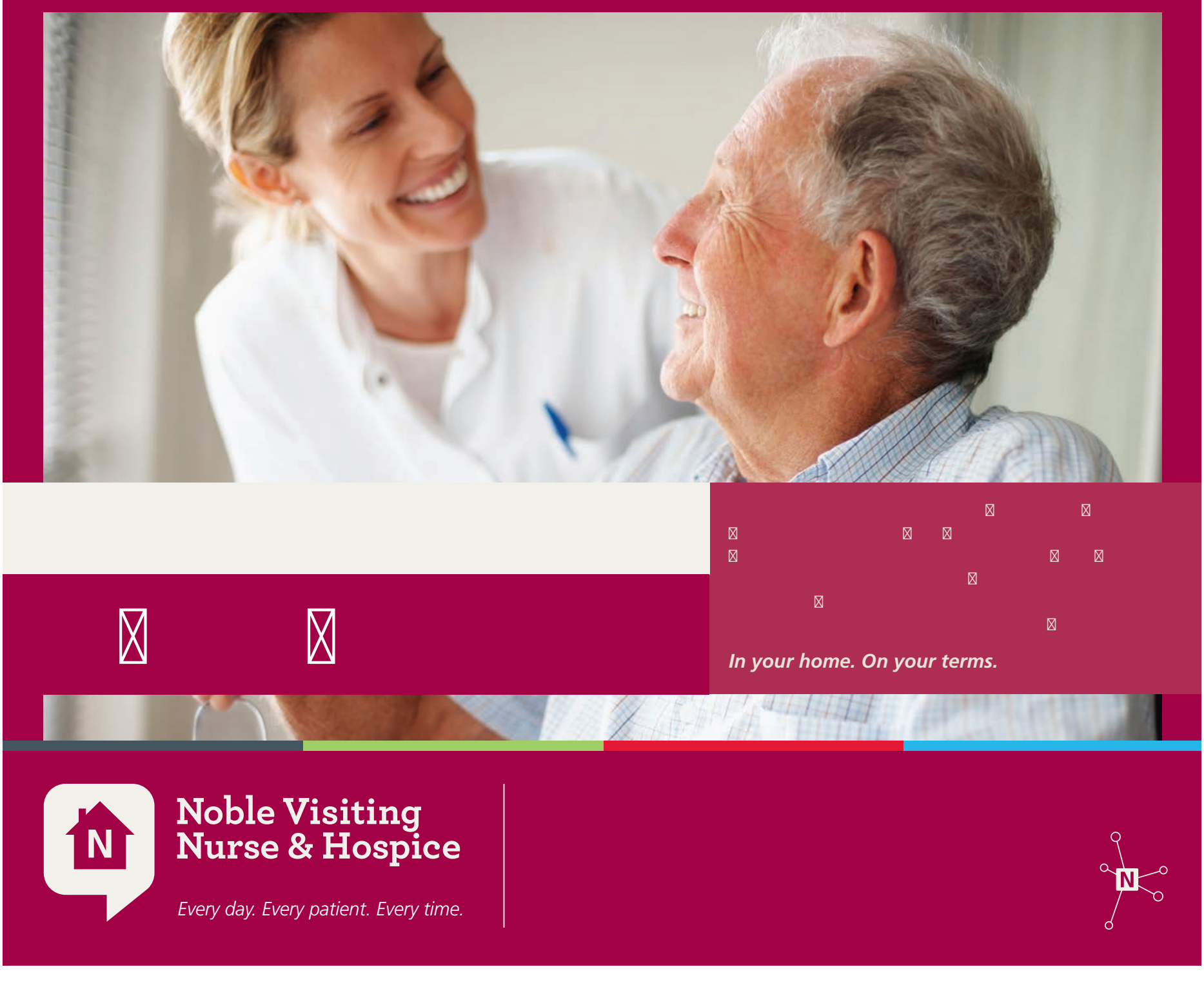


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Alexander Walters (right), an Agawam artist and resident, points out some details in a colored pencil drawing to Rose Bannon, of Longmeadow, at a reception for an art exhibit at the Agawam Public Library.



Agawam resident Bob Schwein cranes his neck to get a better look at some of the artwork displayed at the Agawam Public Library during an opening reception for a new exhibit.



Dog day afternoon

Dog owners raise awareness for new park

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Correspondent

AGAWAM – The new Agawam dog park is coming to fruition and the Agawam Dog Owners Group (ADOG) held their second annual Field Day event featuring more than 30 vendors at Shea Park last Saturday afternoon.

Debroah Sanchez, president of ADOG, said the group was very excited to hold the second event, building off the success of the first one and the news that the dog park construction is beginning soon.

"This is a way for us to help build awareness throughout the community about our dog park," said Sanchez.

Vendors ranged from animal to non-animal related. Sanchez said the type of vendor did not matter, but that ADOG was simply happy to have support from the community.

"By being here, all of these vendors are showing they support our dog park," said Sanchez. "It also helps that we have something for everyone here."

Leashed dogs were welcome at the field day, and despite very hot temperatures, there was an excellent turnout to the event. In addition to the vendors, there was entertainment, food and a few demonstrations.

One entertaining demonstration was the Dachshund Races. Sanchez said the Dachshund dogs used in the races are professionals and participate in races throughout the country. When the gate is lifted, the dogs chase a toy squirrel to the finish line.

ADOG Treasurer Brad Jameson was at the event helping promote the new dog park.

"I have been involved with ADOG for two years," said Jameson. "I'm glad to be getting to word out. I think this park will be great for our community. Dogs will have the opportunity to play and socialize and dog owners can meet and socialize with other dog owners."

ADOG member Scott Milliken was credited for calling the first meeting. He is excited to see the project starting this fall.

"I remember the first meeting at the library," said Milliken. "It was standing room only. I am really excited to see this dog park. A lot of people have been very dedicated to this project."

The town of Agawam has raised nearly $270,000; $245,000 is coming from a grant, while $25,000 raised by ADOG will also go toward the park."

Clearing of a wooded area at Shea Park will be started in early November after the bids have been secured, Sanchez said. The new dog park will include a small dog area and a large dog area. There will be exercise equipment for the dogs and a watering area for them.



William Kaulis runs the squirrel bait used for the dog races.



The Dachshund racers compete.



Janna McLaughlin of Java Stop Coffee arranges homemade cookies shaped like dog bones.



Jim LaCroix plays with his dog, Zeus.



Doug Ratner shows off his dog-themed t-shirt.



Alex Durant cuddles with her dog, Rory.



Elizabeth Sosnowich shows off her favorite dog sign.



Kirsten Miller plays with her dogs August, left, and Bella, right.



Andi sits with her mother, Cassie.



Local authors Sparkie Allison and Courtney Vail hold their dogs. The pair enjoys writing stories with animal characters.

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(l-r) The Dachshund racers, Vienna, Alistair, Jasper and Prinz.

Openings available for Myrtle Beach trip

The St. John's Travelers will host a seven-day "Marvelous Myrtle Beach' bus trip Saturday, Oct. 4 through Friday, Oct. 10. Those taking the trip will enjoy oceanfront rooms, 11 meals and four shows.

The package will include round-trip deluxe motor coach to Myrtle Beach, two nights at the Country Inn and Suites in Virginia, and four nights at the Ocean Reef Resort in Myrtle Beach.

Cost for the trip is $949 per person, double occupancy; $939 per person, triple occupancy; $1,299 for single occupancy and includes a professional tour escort from the travel group, baggage handling, room taxes, and driver and tour guide gratuities. A deposit of $100 is due at sign-up. Cancellation insurance protection is available for $69 per person at sign-up only.

The bus will depart Oct. 4 at 6:30 a.m. from St. John's Church on Main Street in Agawam and will return Oct. 10 at 7 p.m.

For information and reservations, call Emile CotŽ at 413-335-9440.

Upcoming high school reunions

The Agawam High School Class of 1964 will celebrate its 50th reunion Sept. 26, 27 and 28. The weekend of activities will include a tour of the high school Friday afternoon, a visit to the "Big E" Friday night, golf Saturday morning, a barbeque Saturday afternoon, a tour of local sites Sunday afternoon, concluding with a dinner Sunday evening at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.

Joe DiDonato, reunion committee chairman, invites classmates to visit www.agawam64.com for more information or contact him at agawam64@aol.com, Rosemary Alajanian Sandlin at 413-530-0269 or Barbara Bishop at 617-921-4598.

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The West Springfield High School Class of 1969 will celebrate its 45th class reunion Oct. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Dante Club, located on Memorial Avenue, West Springfield. The cost is $25 per person, and includes dinner catered by Memos and DJ Doug Reed.

For more information, contact Nancy Larivee Whitehead at 737-0479 or Diane Boniface Howe at 454-3432.

Boy Scouts to hold open house

AGAWAM - Boy Scout Troop 82, of Agawam, will hold a recruitment open house Wednesday, Sept. 17 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Membership is open to all boys ages 10 to 18. The public is invited to come by and see what Boy Scouts has to offer.

LOCAL TOWN OFFICIALS CELEBRATE DA ELECT ANTHONY GULLUNI



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(From left) West Springfield Town Attorney William Reichelt, Agawam City Councilor Joe Mineo, Agawam School Committee member Carmino Mineo, DA Elect Anthony D. Gulluni, and Agawam Town Clerk Richard Theroux celebrate Gulluni's Primary Election win Tuesday night.

Westfield River clean-up volunteers needed

WESTFIELD - Mounds of trash and large debris will be removed from various rivers and streams in the Westfield River watershed by volunteers of all ages Saturday, Sept. 27 and Sunday, Sept. 28. This annual cleanup is sponsored by the Westfield River Watershed Association.

Volunteers for the 2014 Westfield River fall cleanup should gather no later than 9 a.m. at each day's meeting point for a brief orientation and their site assignments. In Westfield on Saturday, Sept. 27, they will meet in the parking lot on Meadow Street near the new bridge. In Agawam on Sunday, Sept. 28, volunteers should gather at the Pynchon Point parking lot near the South End bridge circle on River Road. Clean-up assignments are generally completed by 1 p.m. or earlier.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult.

The Westfield River Watershed Association will provide gloves and trash bags and will arrange pickup of trash and debris recovered at each site.

For more information, contact Mark Damon for Westfield area sites at 413-572-9991, mjdamon@verizon.net or contact Sheryl Becker for Agawam area sites at 413-374-1921, sher1earth69@gmail.com.

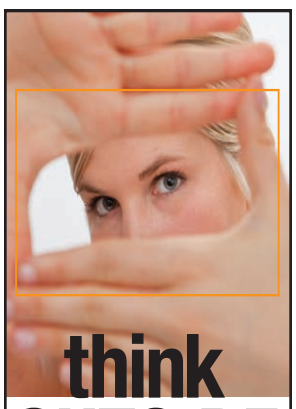
Salem bus trip open to the public

WEST SPRINGFIELD - The West Springfield Park & Recreation Department will host a bus trip to Salem Saturday, Oct. 18. The bus will leave 26 Central St. at 7 a.m. and departs Salem at 6 p.m. The cost of the trip is $60 per person, which includes the bus and tickets to two haunted houses.

Among the sights to explore at historic Salem are the Old Burying Point graveyard, the memorial to the witch trials, the Salem Wax Museum, the Salem Witch Museum and the many shops at the Brick Marketplace.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes for both children and adults, so those going on the trip are encouraged to come dressed in costumes. Registration will be accepted at the Park & Recreation office, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call 413-263-3284.



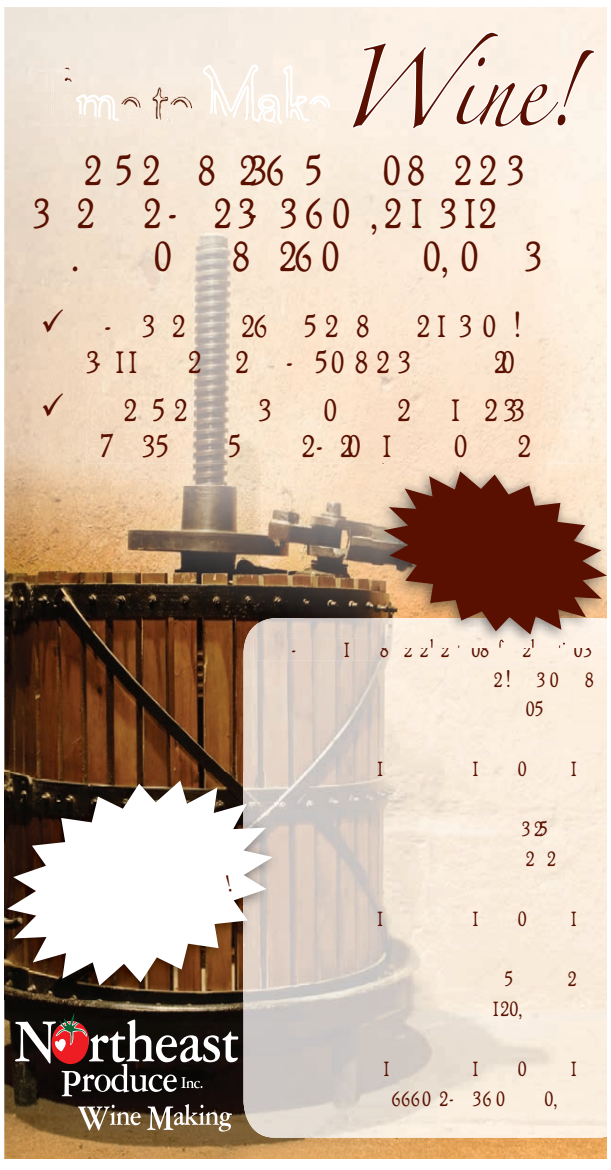
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SPORTS

Agawam notches tie with Orioles

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM – Agawam boys soccer coach Tom Smith called Monday night's draw with Belchertown a good tie.

Agawam had to earn every bit of the tie against the reigning defending Division 3 state champions. The teams met for the first of two meetings at Harmon A. Smith Field. They played under the lights in a very fast-paced game that featured a couple of close calls, but otherwise a crisp, well-played defensive game on both sides.

In the end, neither team scored a goal and the deadlock was a preview of what could be a battle for the league title later in the season.

"I thought we played very well and they (the team) should be really proud of what they accomplished against Belchertown," said Smith. "They are the defending champions and have a very good program."

Smith felt the team played very well during the second half, including have a few chances to grab a quick goal. Agawam had three corner kick opportunities, and were nearly able to convert on one late opportunity with about 15:00 remaining in the game.

The kick was well placed a few yards in front of the goal and two or three players proceeded to get touches on the ball. The final touch came inside a crowd of players from an Agawam head aimed toward the net. Belchertown goalie Connor Curtain was sharp inside the fracas, and made the catch despite having to make a split second reaction.

Just a few minutes later, a Belchertown defender failed to get a touch on a thru ball and Brodie Keene had a chance to shoot from the far left without any interference. He got a hard shot off, but it was bit too high, hitting the crossbar and going over the goal.

The teams played with a bit more urgency in the final 10:00, but neither team made a defensive mistake in a game that needed one in order for a goal to be scored.

Both Curtain and Agawam goalie Alex Sours did an excellent job supporting the de-

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Ryan Stinson sets to make his way up the field with the ball.



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Anthony Sciartelli takes possession of the ball near midfield.



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Gabby Lescarbeau vies for the ball.

Bombers turn back Brownies

Comez makes big stops for Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – The Agawam field hockey team dominated the opening game of the 2014 season. But the Brownies ran into trouble last Friday afternoon as Westfield took home a 2-0 win.

Last season, Agawam defeated Westfield 2-0 in a first-round playoff game. This time, Cara Onyski did a great job hitting the ball from the top of the circle to give Westfield their goals.

Agawam had a few chances to score in the early part of the game. Agawam got a couple of penalty corners with about 18:00 remaining in the first half. On their second chance, a flip shot in the air went wide of the goal and Westfield took over.

Just a few minutes later, Westfield started attacking the Agawam end of the field. Westfield got a penalty corner opportunity with 16:15 remaining. Agawam was able to get the ball out of the circle, but not too far and a change of possession gave Onyski a free restart just outside the circle.

Onyski took the ball herself and moved along the right side of the arc while Agawam tried to set up on defense for a pass inside.

Onyski crossed the line into the circle and

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Longmeadow offense overpowers Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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LONGMEADOW – The Agawam football team scored the first touchdown, but Longmeadow scored six after that and the Lancers avenged a defeat last season and stomped out the Brownies 41-15 last Friday night.

Agawam would win the coin toss took the kickoff with three players deep.

Anthony Basile made the return reception on the far right side and started up near the 30-yard line on the Agawam end. He ran into some tacklers and bounced off them and burst down the right sideline. He was finally taken down at Longmeadow's 6-yard line, giving Agawam a first-and-goal situation on the first play of the game.

It took two plays for Agawam to score. Quarterback Troy Gallerani delivered a reversal to receiver Jason Carleton. Carleton headed to the left side and made the 6-yard run into the end zone.

Sean Moore, who converted from being a soccer goalie to Agawam's kicker this season, nailed an extra point to give Agawam a 7-0 lead.

Longmeadow used a strong running pres-

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Anthony Basile returns the ball up the right side.

Agawam Youth Baseball Launches Program

AGAWAM - Agawam Youth Baseball (AYB) will be rolling out the 2014-2015 programs over the next few weeks.

AYB will be offering travel baseball and clinics for all players in Agawam starting this fall with youth clinics run by Agawam varsity baseball coach and AYB Youth Director, Brian Rheault. Rheault will be bringing his years of baseball knowledge and Agawam enthusiasm to the AYB organization in what hopes to be a new standard for town baseball.

The main goal of AYB is to offer a quality baseball experience to all coaches and players in Agawam. AYB will be having tryouts in the fall for teams of all ages to compete in local travel leagues and will also offer current independent teams an opportunity to play under the AYB umbrella.

Rheault emphasizes that many Agawam youth players seem to be segmented throughout independent teams and his hopes are to have more Agawam kids play together during the spring and summer.

Rheault said, "Agawam has always been a great baseball town, but kids are all over the map. I don't know where to go to watch potential future players. This organization will allow me that convenience as well as benefit the players."

AYB will be holding free clinics for all kids within the organization. The clinics will be run by the current AHS coaching staff. AYB will also be bringing in Plans to bring in current D1 college players as well as professional players to help with these clinics will be main goal.

Program Director Brian Regnier said, "we have many great Agawam players either going to D1 programs or currently in MLB, we need to bring these guys in and show the Agawam kids some good role models."

The program currently administrates the American Legion Post 185 Senior and Junior program as well as the Agawam Dirt Dogs, a 14 year Agawam program that has produced numerous state championships and currently 5 current and past Division 1 collegiate players.

Rheault went on to add, "This program is about the kids, we want to also acknowledge that we want kids to play travel but also be able to play Agawam Little League so that our best players can play travel but also represent Little League in the tournaments. We will be working with Little League on how that will work but our goal is to keep players in Agawam and offer them the best Agawam has to offer in baseball."

Please visit the AYB website at www.agawamyouthbaseball.com for updates. Any questions can be emailed to agawamsports@comcast.net.

All kids that want to participate in the upcoming free clinics please go to the web site and check the clinic dates and register on the web site. The first 25 players will be included.

Huestis continues to watch game evolve

New rules change pace of contest

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AGAWAM – Agawam field hockey coach Christine Huestis has played the sport for many years, through high school and college.

Huestis played and loved the sport at a time when it could sometimes be frustrating to play, and watch. Now as a coach, she has watched the game evolve into a faster-paced, more exciting game.

"I have really liked a lot of the rule changes they have implemented in the past few years," said Huestis. "I really think it has helped the game. It has helped to change it a lot."

When Huestis played, and for some time as a coach, field hockey was a game that was constantly hampered by the whistle being blown by the referee.

"When I played, if the ball struck somebody's foot," said Huestis. "The play would be blown dead and everything would start."

During the past few years, referees in field hockey have been using what is known as the "advantage" discretion. That means if the ball hits a person's foot, but a person from the opposite team is able to continue playing the ball to their advantage, no whistle is blown and play continues. The practice is also used in soccer.

"The advantage call has really helped the game move faster and it allows a player to continue without stopping their own momentum," said Huestis.

Other factors that have been incorporated into the game are the use of lift plays, balls in the air where no one is around, and the self-start rule on free hits. The different elements have made the game more exciting because they give players several different options with what they can do with the ball. Huestis says it has changed how many coaches approach coaching now that they have more options to approach the goal.

"I am able to get into different skills the players can use to score goals," said Huestis. "I had seen this style of play in Europe and I am happy it is coming here. It helps give players more skills they can use."

And the new skills keep on coming with addition of the air dribble. Field hockey players are now permitted to lift and dribble the ball on their sticks in the air. The feat has already been accomplished by some of her players early in the season.

"The addition of the air dribble should make it a lot more fun for some of these players that can do it," said Huestis.

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fensive efforts. Each made an effort to come out of the goal when it was appropriate. Curtain finished with 11 saves while Sours made eight.

Belchertown's best chance to score came late in the first half when Noah Lussier got an opening to shoot on Sours. He made a close range shot and Sours made a diving save. Sours bobbled the ball a bit, but re-took possession. Lussier followed his shot in and kicked it out of Sours hands into the goal. However, the referees reversed the goal because they ruled Sours had possession of the ball, ending the play.

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Belchertown's Spencer Caron (left) and Jonathan Ingram (right) try to head the ball. Agawam's Kamer Nuhiu also competes for the ball.

Hackers for Cancer Golf Tournament scheduled

AGAWAM - The Hackers for Cancer Golf Tournament is once again getting ready to hack the course to raise money for children with cancer and other life changing illnesses. This is the fourth annual tournament that continues to honor friends and family members that have lost the battle to cancer, as well as to those who continue the battle.

The tournament will be held Saturday, Sept. 20 at Oak Ridge Golf Course in Feeding Hills.

The cost is $110 per person, which includes 18 holes, golf cart, barbeque lunch and a buffet dinner, golf challenges and many raffles. The cost for dinner only is $25. Children under the age of 9 eat free.

Registration will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch on the pavilion from 11:30 a.m. to noon. The four-person scramble shotgun start begins at noon. A dinner buffet will follow immediately after the tournament in the lower level banquet hall.

The Hackers for Cancer is also collecting new, unwrapped plain white tee shirts, size small and up, and printed duct tape. This will be donated to the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp so the campers can continue to make crafts while at camp.

BAA to host golf tournament

CHICOPEE - The Brimfield Athletic Association will be holding its 23rd fundraiser Sept. 13 at Chicopee Country Club.

The event has a 12:30 p.m. shotgun start. In addition we will have several skills holes, long drive and closest to the pin. Golf fees cover the round of golf, a sandwich at the turn, post golf dinner along with a raffle.

Cost for the event is $85 per golfer in advance and $100 the day of the event.

For more information and forms, people contact the Association via email at brimfieldathleticassociation@yahoo.com.



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ence to quickly score on their own, grabbing a touchdown with 7:21 remaining on a 4-yard run by Connor Ostrander. The extra-point attempt failed and Agawam clung to a 7-6 lead.

Agawam went right back to work on offense, and picked up one first down before being denied on three straight plays and punting the ball away.

Thanks to a penalty and a great punt by Moore, Longmeadow was pushed back to their own 31-yard line. They punted the ball back to Agawam after a short series, but Agawam fumbled the ball away deep in their own territory, giving Longmeadow a chance to score with second waning in the first quarter.

Noah Hurwitz got the 7-yard run and after a conversion, Longmeadow had a 14-7 lead.

Agawam continued to threaten their way down the field, but was not able to score throughout the second quarter.

Agawam nearly had to punt the ball away on a third-and-22 situation when Gallerani fumbled the ball. Gio Russo, Agawam's primary running back, picked up the ball and headed left toward the sideline. He made it out of bounds and was hit after crossing the line, resulting in a late hit penalty. That gave Agawam a new set of downs.

Agawam made it down to the Longmeadow 21-yard line, but was denied on a fourth down and short yardage situation.

Longmeadow put together a five-play drive ending in a pass over the middle 30 yards to Cyle Jones for a touchdown before halftime, making it 21-7.

Longmeadow would score three times in the second half before Basile returned a kickoff in the fourth quarter 70 yards for a touchdown.

Gallerani had a tough time in his first start at quarterback this season. He went just 2-for-9 passing for 17 yards. On the ground, Russo had 10 carries for just 19 yards.

Agawam will try to rebound in Week 2 with their home opener against Holyoke Friday at 7 p.m.



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Sean Moore punts the ball away for Agawam.



The Agawam defense tries to make a tackle.

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made a hard hit on the ground from right to left. The shot was pinpoint as it made it past three players and Agawam goalie Katalina Gomez into the left corner of the goal to make it 1-0.

Agawam got aggressive on the restart, going right to the Westfield goal and making two impressive shots. Both were kick saved by Westfield goalie Karly Mastello. Agawam would then lose possession off a foot play, but got it right back and got two corners. A third corner with 11:15 left was finally cleared away by Westfield.

With 6:30 remaining in the first half, Westfield got another penalty corner while on attack. The inbound pass was to Onyski, who sent it straight into the goal to make it 2-0.

There was no scoring after that, and Westfield dominated possession for much of the second half. Freshman Brianna Taft played the second half for Agawam and recorded a scoreless half, making four saves.

"Brianna came up really big and made some great saves for us," said Agawam coach Christine Huestis. "She really helped keep us in the game."

Agawam beat Amherst last Wednesday night 4-1. Morgan Durocher, Nicole Mercadante, and Maddie Provost all had goals for the Brownies. Taft and Gomez combined to make four saves in the win.

Agawam is 1-1 and had a tough week with Longmeadow Wednesday, and they host Minnechaug Friday at 4 p.m.

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Jennifer Stempel looks up the field with the defense on her tail.



Madison Gabel fights for possession of the ball.

Wheeler ties for seventh

FARMINGTON, Conn. – The Nichols College golf team placed third at the Trinity Invitational Sunday, Sept. 7 at Tunxis Plantation Golf Course.

The Bison recorded a team score of 622 (+46).

Senior Kevin Wheeler, of Agawam, and junior Colin Whitney, of Longmeadow, shared seventh place overall as each finished at +7 (151); Wheeler posted a 77 on day one and a 74 on day two while Whitney shaved 11 strokes off Saturday's 81 to score a 70 on Sunday.

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Perhaps you've heard of "spiritual gifts" described in scriptures in Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12. We each have unique gifts, by the grace of God. There are similarities between talents and spiritual gifts - but both are gifts from God. Some of you may be thinking: "I don't have any gifts, not any that are worth much anyway. Look at that person who is so artistic - I can't draw a straight line with a ruler!" Someone else might respond: "I know what you mean. I'm not artistic either. Or musical! I couldn't carry a tune if it had a handle on it!" Someone else might say: "I spend all my days chasing my kids around the house" or "I spend all my time at work" or "I don't have time for anything else." Maybe sometimes when we say "I don't" or "I can't", it really means "I won't".

The gifts we have - and we all have them - are gifts from God. Use your gifts! And if that sounds too simplistic - maybe your gift is discernment and questioning and seeking! That's great! But there must be a change - a transformation - in each of us in order for the spirit of God to be evident in us. We have to make room. Every aspect of our lives - even our gifts - must be given over to God. When that happens, worship becomes the way we live, not just something we do once a week.

We are called to give our bodies to God. That means everything we do. We are to give even our minds to God - being transformed from the inside, renewing our minds to obedience to God and resisting the ways of this world. What is God's will for us individually? Part of finding the answer to that lies in discovering what our spiritual gifts are, accepting the gifts we have been given, and using them. Name your gifts and claim them as your own. Don't deny them or wish you had someone else's gift. Use what you've been given.

Using our gifts hastens the process of becoming truly what God wants us to be. We offer our bodies and our minds - our whole beings - as a living sacrifice when we accept our gifts and use them for the good of others. If you are serving where your gifts are, you are less likely to burn out, and the people you serve are more likely to be edified. It's a "win-win" situation. So use your gifts.

"The Message" paraphrase of Romans 12 makes it incredibly relevant: "Take your everyday, ordinary life-your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life-and place it before God as an offering... let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't. If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face."

Good advice, isn't it? To that I can only say again: Use your gifts!



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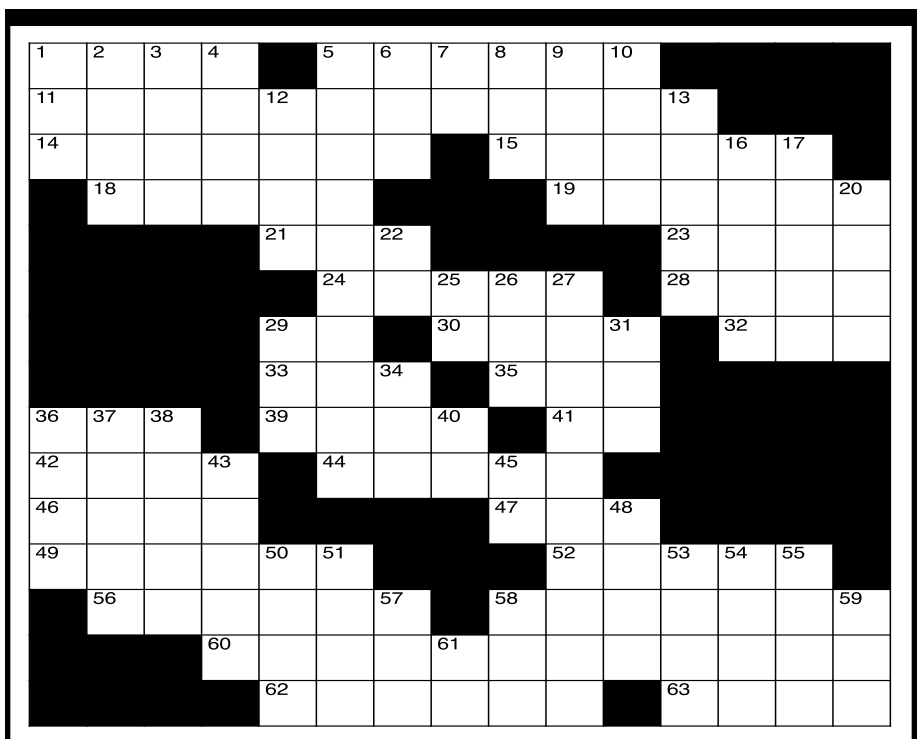
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11. April holiday day
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18. Mails
19. A millionth of a meter
21. Intentionally so written
23. New Zealand parrot
24. A light splash
28. Appear to be true
29. Of I
30. 17th Greek letters
32. Point midway between S and SE
33. Stallone nickname
35. NW German river
36. Possessed
39. Common seasoning
41. Integrated circuit
42. Hebrew unit of measurement
44. Take without consent
46. Enlarge a hole
47. 9th month (abbr.)
49. Animal disease
52. Afrikaans
56. Fate or destiny
58. Ester of citric acid
60. Levels classified by criteria
62. Rendezvous
63. Lofty nest of a bird of prey

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5. Saint Anthony's fire
6. Election Stock Market
7. Atomic #44
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9. Mild Dutch cheese
10. Am. Nobel physicist Isodor
12. Am. football wings
13. Boisterous laughs (slang)
16. Hillsides
17. Lordship's rights of holding court
20. Entity designation
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43. Anabaptist sect
45. Equally
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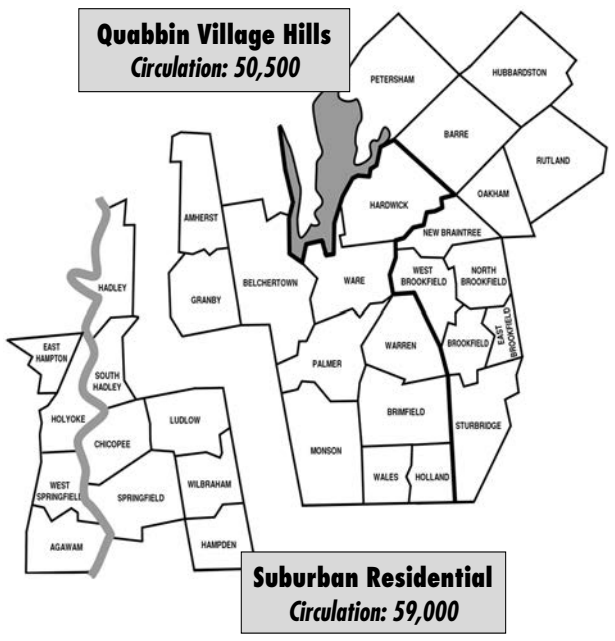
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Saturday, Sept. 13

THE HOLYOKE MERRY-GO-ROUND is open Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. The public is invited. For more information, call (413) 538-9838 or visit www.holyokemerrygoround.

Sunday, Sept. 14

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A small auction will take place and refreshments will be served. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 596-9871.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS will host a "mini tour" at 1 p.m., led by Bobby Girard, Wood Museum of Springfield History, highlighting "Everett Barney: A Tale of Steel and Ice." The tour is free with museum admission and secure, free onsite parking is available.

Monday, Sept. 15

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will hold a blood drive from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

THE AGAWAM SENIOR CENTER will host a free movie ("In the Good Ole' Summertime") at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library. No registration needed.

Thursday, Sept. 18

THE AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH FAMILY PLAYGROUP, which takes place at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, is open to children birth through age 5 with a parent or caregiver and meets weekly on Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. It includes crafts, stories, songs, free play and more. For more information, call 786-7111 or email jbrownacc@verizon.net.

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "Sweethearts at Sea: Love and Marriage in the 19th Century New England Whaling Industry" featuring Amanda Goodheart Parks, Ph.D Candidate, UMass Amherst, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts, 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is $4 ($2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call (413) 263-6800, ext. 488.

UPCOMING AND ONGOING

THE HAWKS AT MT. TOM PROGRAM will be held at Holyoke Heritage State Park Sunday, Sept. 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All raptor programs are free and open to the public. The "Eyes on Owls" will present once in the morning and again in the afternoon and Tom Ricardi, raptor rehabilitation specialist will present his show at noon.

FITNESS FIRST HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, will host a blood drive sponsored by Mercy Medical Center, Friday, Sept. 26 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A driver's license with photo or state identification with photo is required to donate blood. All donors should eat at least two to three hours prior to donating, weigh at least 110 pounds and must be 18 years or older. To make an appointment, call (413) 786-1460.

THE ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AT AGAWAM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH will take place Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day's events will include a juried arts and crafts fair, book sale, raffles, an old-fashioned General Store and the Country Lunch Café. The public is invited.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will host a tag sale Saturday, Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine. Spaces available. To reserve a space, call Marilyn at 786-1452, or email AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com.

THE AGAWAM HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION will hold its Annual Apple Pie Contest Saturday, Oct. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. To pre-register, which is required, call Marilyn at 786-1452 or email AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com. For more information and contest rules, visit thethomassmithhouse.com.

THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS will host "An Evening of hope and Recovery" gala dinner, Saturday, Oct. 4 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Chez Josef, 176 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Keynote speaker will be Kitty Dukakis, former Massachusetts First Lady and mental health advocate. For more information, visit www.namiwm.org or call (413) 426-0907 or (413) 244-5826.

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held Sunday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission is $1; kids under 10 are free. There will be over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

DIXIELAND STOMP, a six-man group that performs traditional New Orleans Ragtime/Dixieland music, will present a free concert Sunday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St, Westfield. The public is invited.

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church in Springfield will feature Sarah Briggs on violin, Carol Hutter on viola, Mark Fraser on cello and Ellen Redman on flute Oct. 7 at 10:30 a.m. Free refreshments are provided after the performances. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin, 25 Valentine St., Springfield or call 736-0766.

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper Wednesday, Oct. 8 at a cost of $7 for adults, $4 for children. The public is welcome.

HISTORIC TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, located at 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will hold its Fall Craft Fair Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In addition to over 30 community vendors, there will be homemade baked goods and the ever-popular luncheon. Admission is free. The public is invited.

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